(c) whether the Government have any programme to bring about prohibition of the consumption of alcohol under Article 47 of the Constitution;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (e) The requisite information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Joint Venture for Five-Star Hospital

2407. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has awarded a plot of prime land measuring 15 acres to Indraprastha Hospital Corporation Limited for a token amount of Rupee 1 and entered into an agreement for establishing a joint-venture five-star hospital in the Capital;

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of the joint venture laid down;

(c) the extent to which the terms of the agreement are being implemented and the benefit being accrued to the common public;

(d) whether the Government are aware of the allegations of corruption and malpractices levelled against the management of the said hospital;

(e) if so, whether Government are considering to take over the management of the said hospital; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) As per the agreement with the Administrator, Delhi and M/s Apollo Hospital, it was decided to jointly promote and to register a Public Limited Company under the name of Indraprastha Medical Corporation Ltd", with the objective of setting up a hospital in Delhi. The Govt. of NCT of Delhi has acquired 26% equity share of the Apollo Hospital. An area of 15 acres was also placed at the disposal of the joint venture company at concessional rates of construction of the building. It was agreed among other things that the Corporation will made available not less than one third of total capacity of 600 beds for the poor and also treat 40% poor out patients free. This Hospital has yet to provide these facilities to the public.

(d) No such report has been received in the Ministry.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Building on Rent for CGHS Dispensary

2408. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per policy of CGHS, the advertisements for hiring building on rent for opening of CGHS dispensary in any area is given in newspapers first and the dispensaries are sanctioned evan on later stage;

(b) if so, the authorities responsible for keeping the rented buildings vacant till the CGHS dispensary is sanctioned for that area;

(c) if not, the circumstancas under which the advertisement for hiring a building in Vasant Vihar was given in Newspapers on January 1,1990 whereas the dispensary has not been sanctioned till date, and

(d) the steps being takan to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) The advertisement for hiring a building is generally given only after issue of a sanction for opening of a CGHS dispensary in a particular area. However, advertisements can be occasionally given to understand the availability and cost of hiring accommodation at specific places.

CGHS have reported that no building has been taken on rent prior to its establishment being sanctioned.

(c) and (d) Since suitable rented space was not available to house the dispensaries sanctioned at identified locations, advertisements were given for different locations considered feasible at that time, as an alternative measure. One such location was Vasant Vihar. Since then the sanctioned dispensaries have been established at the locations decided upon. The Vasant Vihar area has been covered by R.K. Puram Dispensaries of Sector VI and Sector VIII.

Violation of Supreme Court's Orders

2409. SHRI I.D. SWAMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether according to the decision of the Supreme Court a patient once reached to a hospital, is not to be refused admission and treatment but in spite of such an order the hospitals are refusing admission/